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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: USIRJC, ELAB

SUBJECT: STATUS OF MANPOWER COOPERATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

REFS: A. TEHRAN 5616 B. TEHRAN 6647

1. PAST TWO WEEKS HAVE APPARENTLY SEEN SOME PROGRESS WITHIN GOI TOWARD UNBLOCKING FUNDS WHICH, IF FREED, MIGHT ALLOW MINLAB TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION IN CURRENT IRANIAN CALENDAR YEAR OF AT LEAST SOME ASPECTS OF FOURTEEN-POINT DRAFT PROGRAM OF MANPOWER COOPERATION. IF MINLAB, AS NOW SEEMS THE CASE, IS ALLOWED TO SHIFT SOME CURRENTLY ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM DEVELOPMENT BUDGET TO IRAN-US PROJECTS, MINLAB WOULD GIVE PRIORITY IN CURRENT YEAR TO EMPLOYMENT OF US EXPERT TO DRAW UP SPECIFICATIONS FOR MOBILE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS. BOUYED BY SOME HIPEFUL DEVELOPMENTS, MINLAB INFORMALLY ADVISED IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE NEXT MEETING OF USIRJC MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE CONVENED IN TEHRAN 8-9 SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF MANPOWER ADVISOR BURNIE MERSON, MINLAB WITHMERSON'S ASSISTANCE DREW UP NEW SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FOURTEEN-POINT PROGRAM FOR CURRENT AND NEXT TWO IRANIAN CALENDAR (BUDGET) YEARS WITH OUTLAYS (EXCLUDING COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENTS) OF \$140,520 IN CURRENT YEAR, \$749,600 IN NEXT YEAR, AND \$1,301,480 YEAR AFTER NEXT. (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS GIVING ADDITIONAL DETAIL.) WITH PUSH FROM PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA, MEETING HELD 8 JULY WITH DEPUTY HEAD OF PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION SHAPUR RASEKH AT WHICH RASEKH APPARENTLY GAVE GREEN LIGHT

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FOR MINLAB TO SHIFT FUNDS CURRENTLY BUDGETED TO OTHER CATEGORIES

TO US-IRAN ACTIVITIES AND SAID FUNDS THUS SHIFTED WOULD BE  
REPLACED BY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION. US-IRAN ACTIVITIES  
IN FUTURE YEARS WOULD BE BUILT INTO REGULAR MINLAB BUDGET REQUEST.  
AS RESULT THIS MEETING AND FURTHER EXHCANGE WITH PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICE, LABOR INISTER MOINI INFORMED MERSON 12 JULY QUOTE THERE  
NOW NO PROBLEM IN GETTING STARTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FISCAL YEAR  
TIMETABLE UNQUOTE. MOINI ALSO INFORMED THAT FORMAL IRANIAN  
PROPOSAL WOULD BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY VIA MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS AND FINANCE IN NEAR FUTURE. (COMMENT: BELIEVE TRANSMITTAL  
OF PROPOSAL THROUGH INTERMEDIARY OF ANSARY IS LARGELY FORMALITY,  
IN DEFERENCE TO PARENT MINISTRY ROLE IN USIRJC. REFTEL B. INDICATES  
ANSARY AND COMPANY PREFER DECENTRALIZED APPROACH, I.E., ADMINISTRATIV  
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ARRANGEMENTS BEIN WORKED OUT ON MINISTRY TO COOPERATING DEPARTMENT  
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